Further Confirmations of Prediction. By Pliny Earle Chase.

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Th. von Oppolzer (Comptes Rendus, Jan. 6, 1879), gives elements, deduced from eight supposed planetary sun spots, which represent the fiftin of my intra-Mercurial harmonic positions :

| Distance. | Time. |
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| Von Oppolzer $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .123$ |  |
| Chase, predicted.................... 120 | 15.8 dys. |
|  | 15.1 " |

This leaves only one vacancy in the chief interior series, the fourth place being still a "missing link." There is room, however, for an indefinite number of subordinate, or asteroidal harmonies, one of which has been confirmed already, by Gaillot's orbit for Watson's second planet :


The predicted harmonic denominator-difference was 4. But the denomi-nator-difference in the principal planctary belt is only 2. The following table shows the agreement between prediction and verification :

| Prediction. | Verification. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{I}^{2}$ of $3.469=.267$ | De la Rue, Stewart and Loewy | . 267 |
| $\frac{1}{17}$. 204 | Kirkwood | . 209 |
| [19 . 183 | Watson, II | .180] |
| ${ }^{\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{Y}}$ - 165 | " I | . 164 |
| $\frac{1}{25}$. 139 | .............. | .... |
| $\frac{1}{29} 9$ | Von Oppolzer | . 123 |

Six remaining terms of the prediction, with a denominator-difference of
 monies of rotation and revolution, thus confirming my hypothesis that rotation is due to the collisions of orbital particles, in the neighborhood of a nucleal focus.

Lescarbalt's observation is one of the three for which the exact time is given. Von Oppolzer attaches special importance to those observations, and to the confimation which they derive from the five other observations which he has compared with them. His orbit, therefore, appears to be that of the true Vulcan for which Leverrier looked. If this proves to be the case, other names must be sought for the remaining planets, or for the harmonic sun-spot periods, if any of them do not represent permanent planets.
*Ante, xviii, 35-6.

